

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claims 23 and 25. Claims 19-25 are pending. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

Section 112 Rejections

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, was indicated in the Advisory Action as having been overcome.

The Advisory Action was silent as to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Applicants thank Examiner Marcheschi for the explanation provided March 16, 2007. Claims 23 and 25 have been amended, as suggested by the Examiner, to overcome this rejection. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Provisional Double Patenting

Claims 19-25 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 8, 22, 23 and 24 of co-pending Application No. 10/668,753.

Although Applicants continued to not agree with this obviousness-type double patenting rejection, enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer over Application No. 10/668,753.

Summary

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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